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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

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1. (Amended) An image processing apparatus, comprising:
a processor, wherein the processor places bits for describing information different from information of image data obtained by image processing on original image data in specific bit positions of pixel data, each of the pixel data being expressed by using multiple bits, at predetermined positions of said processed image.
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